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1. In late 1952 the 2 Cavalry Regiment, commanded by HAN Tse-min, had its headquarters at Gartok (N 31-45, E 80-22). This regiment had 800 camels. A unit of this regiment, numbering 150 men, was garrisoned at Rudog (N 33-27, E 79-42). At the year's end, 35 Uighurs and 3 or 4 Kazakhs from the Rudog detachment planned to desert and escape to Kashmir, but their plan was detected and the men put under arrest.
 2. Another Chinese Communist regiment was stationed on the Tibetan side of the Tibet-Ladakh border near Koyul (N 32-53, E 79-13), between Gartok and Rudog.
 3. The leader of the 2 Cavalry Regiment announced the following road-building projects:
 - a. Road from Khotan (N 37-07, E 79-55) to Rudog, under construction, to be completed in June or July 1953.¹
 - b. Road from Rudog to Keriya (N 36-52, E 81-42), of which the construction is contemplated.
 - c. Motorable road from Khotan to Suget Karaul (N 36-20, E 78-07), under construction, and expected to terminate at Vabjilga.²
- HAN Tse-min said that when these roads were completed, the Chinese Communists would close the Tibet Ladakh border to trade.
4. The Chinese Communists in Sinkiang were telling the people that Ladakh belongs to Sinkiang.³
 5. The Maiksha⁴ area has suitable terrain for the construction of airfields.

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1.  Comment. According to the Urumchi radio, this road has been completed.

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2.  Comment. Approximately N 35-50, E 78-15.

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4.  Comment. Approximately N 35-38, E 78-17.

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